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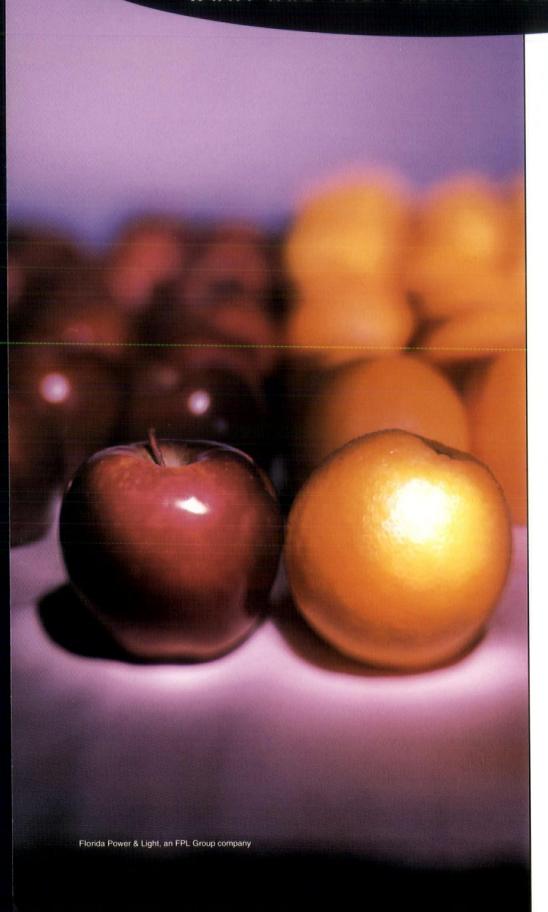
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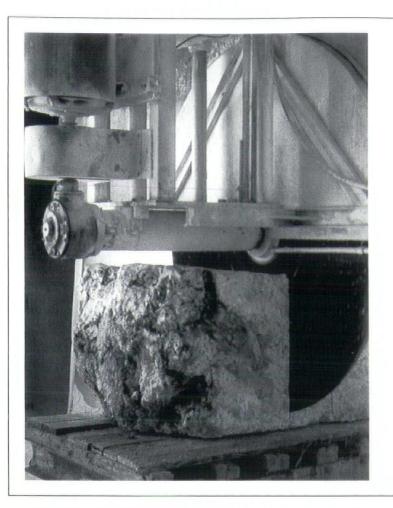
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But, seriously, I would like nothing better than to have a good, healthy "Letters to the Editor" column which is chocked full of opinions about articles and features in a previous issue. I invite criticism and always, praise.

With an eye to the future, I would also like to invite suggestions, submissions, queries, information about new products you like and don't like, book reviews, travel sketches, university and student news and abstracts of research. In short, I'd like very much to broaden the parameters of *Florida Architect* and I invite each of you to help me do it.

There have been some suggestions recently that we need to broaden the scope of the magazine beyond being merely a book of pretty pictures. Well, I hope *FA* has always been more than that and of course, it will always feature the best new and restored architecture that our region has to offer. And, if that means pretty pictures abound, then so be it. But, in addition, I see a lot of merit in rounding out the editorial content to include items of general interest to the profession and I'm looking to you to let me know what that information might be. Or better yet, to supply me with concise, well-written articles about things near and dear to you. *Florida Architect* wants to hear about anything that any member of the state association feels is important. So, pick up that pen or turn on that computer...and write. **DG**



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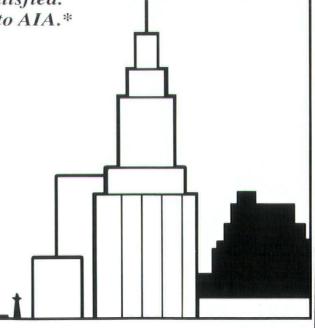


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NEWS

Research Reports Available

Three research reports have recently been made available through the Building Construction Industry Advisory Council (BCIAC) at the University of Florida.

The first is a report entitled Evaluation of Alternative Roofing Systems - Phase II (For Florida Public Schools) which was completed by Richard Jones, Dr. Brisbane Brown, Jr., Professor Robert Crossland and Professor Luther Strange of the M.E. Rinker School of Building Construction at UF.

Built-up roofing has traditionally been the design of choice for the low sloped roof. In the mid-1970's, a new product was introduced from Europe to compete with the built-up system. This new product was classified as a single-ply covering. Since the product was new to the U.S. market, designers and contractors were not fully aware of some of its characteristics. As the material was installed, there were some failures which caused alarm among owners. This report is an investigation into the problem. The failures were caused by poor design, poor workmanship and poor maintenance. Six recommendations are made to correct these problems and if implemented could save the state millions of dollars each year.

A Study of Florida's Licensing System for Construction Contractors is the work of Dr. Irtishad Ahmad, Professor Jose' Mitrani and Professor Jack Dye of the Department of Construction Management at Florida Internaional University. This study focused primarily on economic facors related to the daily work of he Construction Industry Liensing Board and their relationhip to the Department of Profesional Regulation to determine if here were functions which apeared to need improvement in ervice or organization.

The third research report entitled Practices in the Construction Industry Which Are Subject to Lawsuits - Phase 2 was prepared by Professor Wilson Barnes of the Department of Construction Management at Florida International University. This project was conducted to complement and continue studies initiated under BCIAC grant Practices in the Construction Industry Which Are Subject to Lawsuits - Phase I. The original study, which is referred to as Law 1, examined practices in the construction industry that lead to lawsuits and its objective was to identify causes rather than to fix blame and list legal winners and losers. Law 1 revealed a central theme of practitioner failure to tend to business. The principal effort of this study was the development of four curriculum modules which can be used to explain and emphasize the lessons that were learned through investigating how practitioners get into trouble due to the way they go about the business of construction.

Copies of these reports may be obtained by contacting Brisbane H. Brown, Jr., Executive Secretary, Building Construction Industry Advisory Committee, M.E. Rinker, Sr., School of Building Construction - FAC 101, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611.

Correx

The author of the **Legal Notes** column entitled "*Misplaced Faith in Forms*" which appeared in the May issue of *FA* was Steve Anderson.

Mr. Anderson is a principal in the law firm of Anderson & Orcutt. Apologies to the author for misspelling the firm name.

Also, a correction to the photo credits in the article "A City Lightens Up" which appeared in the February issue. Photos of the renovated City Hall were taken by Trace Trusler.

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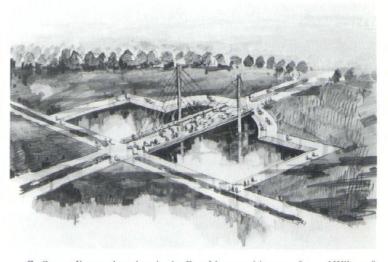
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AWARDS AND HONORS



Ze-Guang Jin, an Associate in the Fort Myers architecture firm of Wilson & Moore, was recognized by the Michigan Vietnam Monument Commission for his design for a memorial in honor of those from Michigan who gave their lives in the Vietnam War. Ze-Guang Jin's design was recognized as a significant gesture and, as such, his entry will be kept for historical purposes at the Michigan Historical Center and Archives.

AWARDS

1993 Florida Design Arts Awards

Buildings in Tampa, Orlando and Boca Raton were recently recognized by Secretary of State Jim Smith as recipients of the 1993 Florida Design Arts Awards.

The annual awards recognize public and private facilities that represent the most effective collaboration among the design professions of architecture, engineering, landscape architecture and graphic, interior and urban design.

Each year, the Division of Cultural Affairs, Department of State, solicits and receives entries from around the state that are reviewed by a jury of representatives from the design arts disciplines. Recommendations are then submitted to the Florida Fine Arts Council, with final approval by the Secretary of State.

Recipients of the award were the Bank of Tampa, Magdalene Reserve, a residential development in Tampa, Mizner Park in Boca Raton and the Lynx Downtown Orlando Bus Terminal.

Bank of Tampa Architect: Ranon & Partners

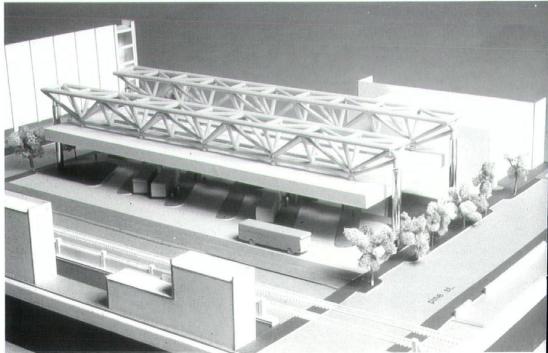
Jury: "Located in a historic district, the building offers a good contrast to the older architecture and is a good centerpiece for the district."



Lynx Downtown Orlando Bus Terminal

Architect: Architects Design Group, Inc. Winter Park, Florida

Jury: "This project addresses issues that are multiple and complex and it clearly contributes to the urban form."



Magdalene Reserve, Tampa

Ekistics Design Studio, Inc. Tampa, Florida

Jury: "This single family subdivision is a highly innovative and sensitive example of environmental design."





Mizner Park, Boca Raton

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Jury: "This park is a successful urban renewal project that was planned as part of a traditional downtown where people work, shop,live and spend leisure time."

VIEWPOINT

The Design Responsibility Debate Continues

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry served as a vehicle for construction lawyers to address in depth a series of major issues surrounding design responsibilities, including contract provisions, performance specifications, contractor's design functions, shop drawings, environmental questions, insurance aspects of construction, dispute resolution techniques and copyright, among others.

"A Florida attorney commented in his presentation that with regard to contract administration, there is a wide disparity between what owners expect and what design professionals actually do."

More sophisticated owners, he said, will likely decrease the role of AE's for construction administration on the rationale that design professionals are not well-suited or experienced to handle the many issues that come up during construction, preferring in those cases to utilize in-house staff or outside construction managers.

Another speaker tackled the tricky issues inherent in the review and approval of shop drawings, alluding to recent debates over who is ultimately responsible for the correctness of shop drawings. The obligation of the design professional under both AIA and EJCDC documents to review shop drawings only for conformance with the "design concept" remains a "vague no-

tion that defies definition."

A mini-debate over the issue of responsibility for shop drawings as between the design professional and the contractor or fabricator rehashed the lessons drawn from the Hyatt Hotel case of 1981, in which the courts ultimately held the structural engineers responsible for faulty review of the fabricator's shop drawings. The debate generated by a New York Education Department memorandum on the issue in 1991, which was subsequently dropped, was reflected in the discussion. While no conclusions were reached, there seemed to be some consensus that both the design professional and the fabricator are responsible for defects, but that the ultimate responsibility will rest with the design professional.

A paper on how to minimize design errors focused on the dangers of programming inadequacies and pointed to the necessity of having the owner make a clear statement of its requirements. Also of concern should be predesign investigations and a review of documents provided by the owner to the designer. The authors also emphasized the need for interdisciplinary coordination. "The failure to coordinate the different disciplines often leads to gaps, omissions, overlap, and conflicts in the contract drawings and specifications which frequently are not identified until the construction process is underway," and this often results in costly change orders and malpractice claims.

Differing views were outlined on the best way to handle claims that arise during construction. Two attorneys expressed concern with having the A/E be the primary initial interpreter of contractor claims. "Making the architect a claims officer....only invites trouble.

"It is unreasonable to expect the architect to have the knowledge and skill to resolve the numerous types of claims that will invariably arise on any construction project. Moreover, it is unrealistic to expect the architect to act completely impartially."

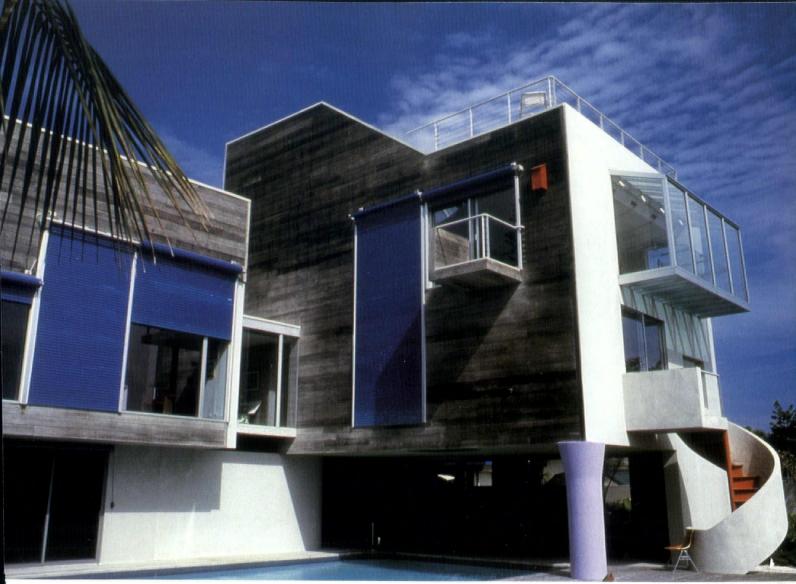
On the other side, Dale Ellickson, director of the AIA documents program, offered the affirmative view. After reviewing the historical background of the role of the design professional as part of construction phase services, he said that despite concerns about the architect's conflict of interest and lack of impartiality, the standard contracts continue the role of quasiarbiter for a series of practical reasons: familiarity with the project, the cost in terms of time and money of using a third party, and the fact that having the on-site design professional handle disputes and claims on an initial basis permits the disposition of small problems if left till the end of the project.

A paper on the so-called "quiet revolution" related to dispute resolution by Professor Thomas J. Stiponowich, University of Kentucky Law School, focused on the emergence of mediation and similar procedures

in place of litigation or arbitration. He reported that a recent survey disclosed that over half of the attorneys responding recommend the use of mediation to their clients and that only a handful said they would not use it. Among the advantages cited were privacy, confidentiality, speed and economy. Most of the attorneys said that they disagreed with the criticism that proposing mediation was a sign of weakness. At the same time, it is recognized that for mediation to work, all parties must engage from the start with the thought that compromise will be essential to reach an agreement.

Susan R. Brooke, chair of the Forum Committee on Construction Management and Design/Build, offered comments on the new AIA construction management documents. Her analysis concluded that even though both the architect and C.M. have overlapping responsibilities during the construction phase, the new AIA documents provide a sound basis for dealing with the 90's scenario of the construction manager not serving as a constructor.

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O'Donnell

Engineer: Rast-Chang, Inc. Interiors: Carl Abbott FAIA +

Associates

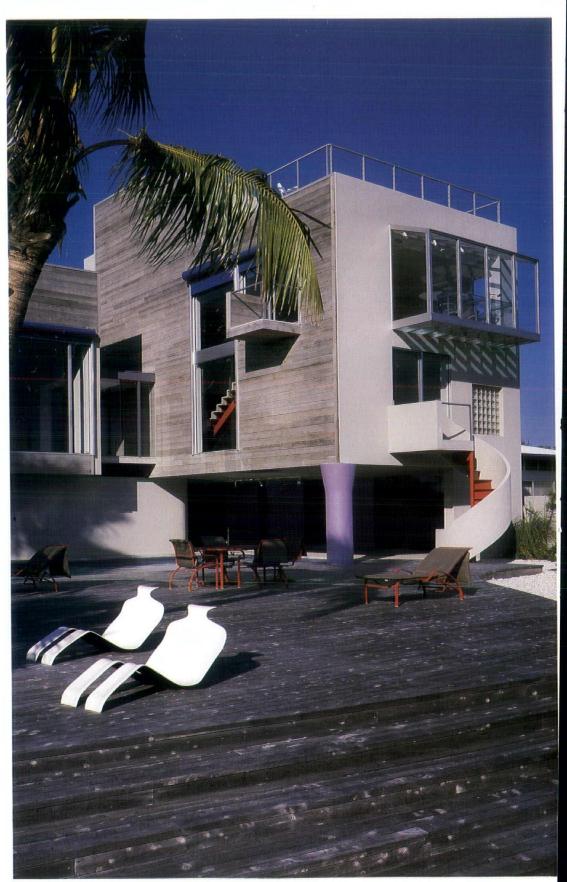
Contractor: Joe Beishline

hat do you get when you combine a Renaissance man whose interests are extremely diverse with an innovative and experienced architect like Carl Abbott? In this instance, the combination resulted in a dramatic, colorful embodiment of architectural form, function and fun.

Abbott has long believed that good architecture can enhance and support the client's highest visions. He'll also tell you that design is always more fun when the client's approach to living is dynamic and outgoing.

The client on this project had been living on this long, narrow peninsula site in a one-story ranch house until the day that he and Abbott climbed into a cherry picker to check out the view from 30 feet up. The breathtaking panoramic view got the design concept going. The new house would be raised high on the site to provide views to both the bay and the Gulf of Mexico. The views are facilitated by wide windows and decks which also keep a solid north face to winter winds. The design also provides for internal spaces which flow dramatically within the height of the triple volume and create a building with two distinct areas for public and private use. This plan preserves an existing deep water scuba training pool and provides privacy from the surrounding road and neighbors.

In plan, the house takes the form of two linear elements, the public area and the multi-level



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master suite. These forms run the length of the property to create two exterior spaces, a private entrance courtyard on the west and an open court on the bay side.

Sliding between these two forms and suspended over the pool is an entranceway which reveals a brilliant view of both the bay and the sky as one ascends the stair.

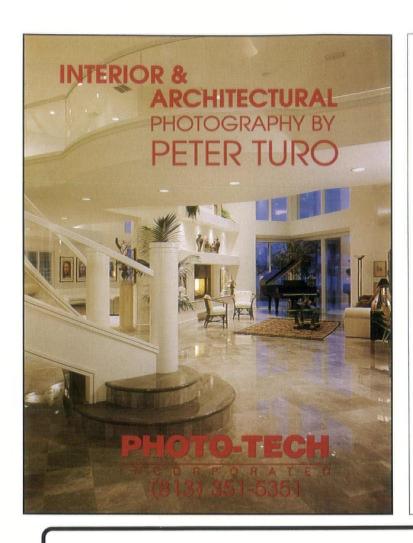
Visual ties to both the water and the sky continue throughout the house. A glass floor in the master suite looks down into the pool, reflecting shards of light into this triple volume. The glass floor, walls and ceiling of the third level aerie project from the building to the bay providing a true sense of floating. A free form skylight allows a view of the stars from three floors below while the roof deck Jacuzzi and planetary observation platform provide ample opportunity for the client to combine his loves of both sea and sky.

Curved wall forms contrast with boxed volumes to create interior movement and spatial connection. This arrangement also vertically integrates the architecture. Bright blue security shutters double as heat control devices and serve as colorful architectural elements. The 45-foot banyan tree on the site functions as a 30-ton living sculpture, further illustrating the level of innovation which architect and client were able to achieve.









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VIEW OF FLORIDA

A New Pavilion At Seaside

by Renee Garrison

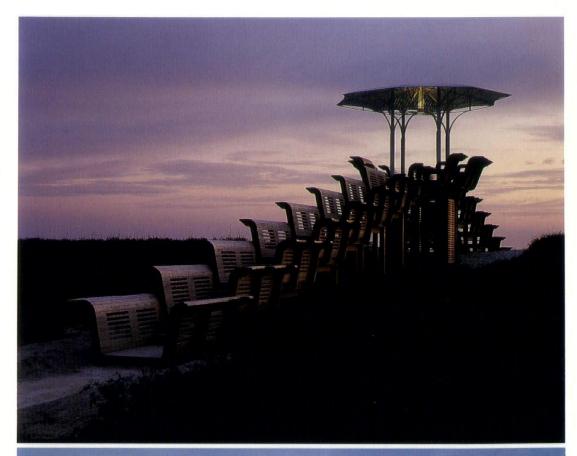
The wooden boardwalks and pavilions at Seaside are legendary, garnering praise from the press and the public alike as monuments to the contemplative life and nostalgic romance of the past.

The newest of the seven pavilions resembles a gentle wave, arching gracefully until, at its crest, it brushes a large beach umbrella. Architect Steve Badanes of The Jersey Devil, says that people describe the pavilion as looking like "Viking ships, sleighs and sea monsters...things that have to do with the water."

The Jersey Devil both designed and built the pavilion. Badanes thinks it was a leap of faith that he was hired to design the prestigious structure. Although Andres Duany recommended him for the project, his firm is best known for designing houses that look like football helmets and hoagie sandwiches. Even though Robert Davis, the developer of Seaside, has made a habit of hiring young, up-andcoming architects, Badanes admits he was surprised when he was approached to design the pavilion. Now that the structure is complete, the architect feels that his pavilion is more graceful, and a lot more playful, than the other pavilions.

The six-foot-wide white cedar decking stretches for 185 feet toward the water. The umbrella which sits atop the decking was constructed of aluminum, a material known for its durability, strength and ease of maintenance. At Seaside, each wooden walkway terminates at a street that runs north and south, away from the Gulf. These boardwalks and pavilions have become a very important part of the community, a place where neighbors sit in the evening watching the sunset.

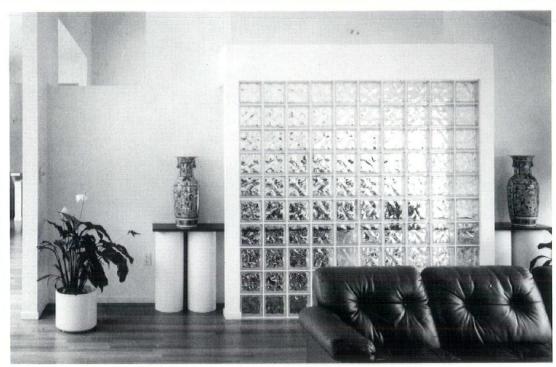
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The Sum of Its Parts

Fulford Elementary School Addition and Remodeling North Miami Beach, Florida

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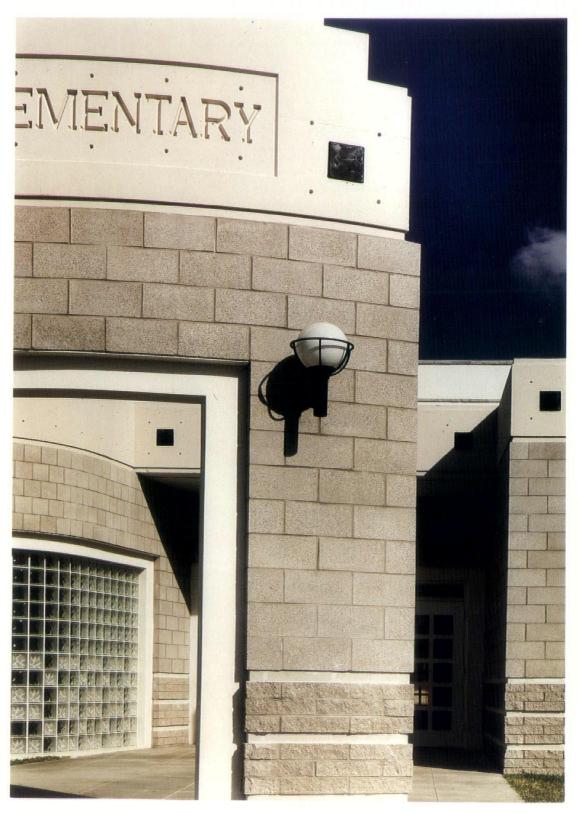
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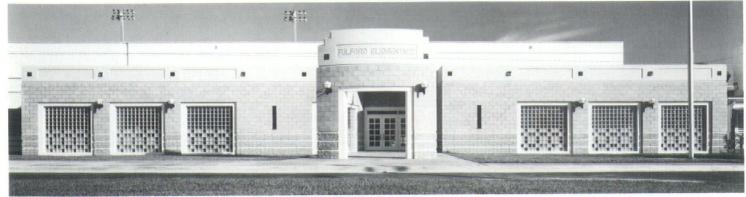
it housed.

When selected to enlarge and remodel a pre-existing school, the architects found an out-of-date complex consisting of three buildings and 16 portables. One building served as a one-story cafetorium/kitchen with four classrooms and another was a two-story building containing six classrooms. The third building was the original schoolhouse, which was historically interesting, but structurally unsound and hazardous to occupy. That building has since been torn down and the building program revised to accommodate the departments which

The final program for the addition and remodeling contained all of the space necessary to turn Fulford into a complete elementary school capable of handling 893 students. The new program includes four kindergarten classrooms, an exceptional education suite, an administrative office suite, ten primary classrooms, a student personnel suite, a media center and a music suite. Remodeling of the existing buildings included converting the existing library into in art suite.

The design challenge in this project was to make the school's hree buildings look like one chool. The existing structures omprise approximately 29,000





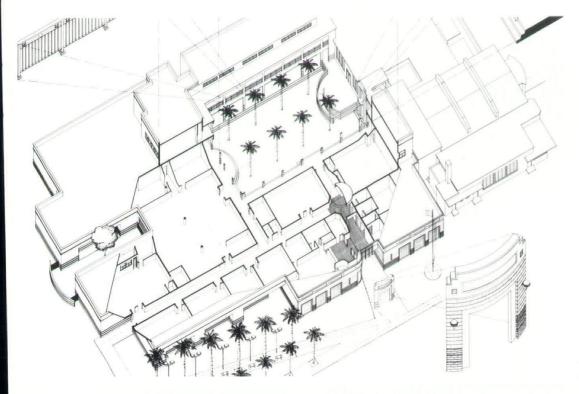


square feet. By wrapping the 39,725 square foot addition around the existing building, a courtyard was created. The architect then created a new main entrance to the school which makes all the buildings appear a visual and functional whole.

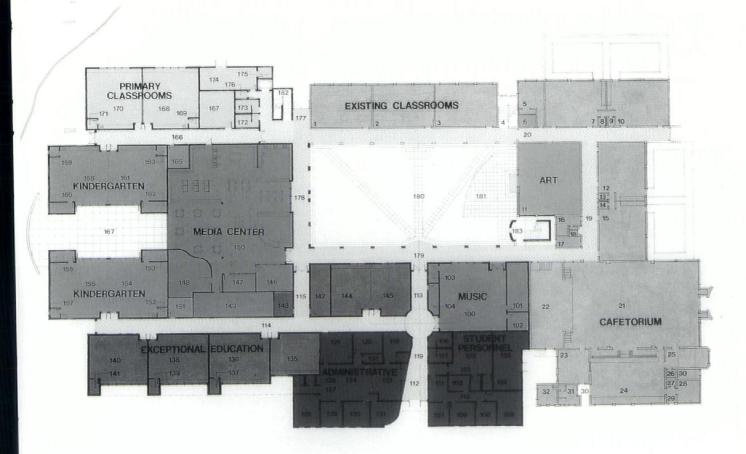
The new building connects to the original buildings at two points. The mass of the three buildings was planned to be as dense as possible in order to maintain as much open space as possible.

The design has taken the disadvantages of a small site and turned them into assets. The design combines the new and existing buildings into a cohesive, well-organized elementary school capable of providing a complete range of services for the children of the 1990s.

Photos: Opposite page, top: main entrance. This page, top: south front. Left, courtyard. Photos by Dan Forer.



Axonometric drawing and first floor plan courtesy of the architects.



Art for Living's Sake

D'Alessandro Residence Palm Beach, Florida

Architect: Mitchell O'Neill, AIA, Architect

Structural Engineer: Assad Hejazi

Interior Designer: H. Allen

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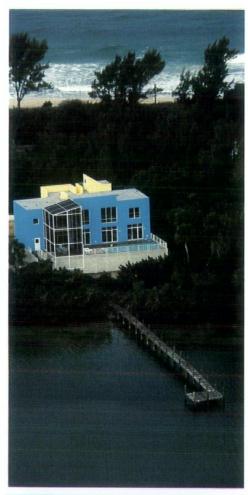
This residence was designed for a couple who own an art gallery and they wanted their house to serve as a second gallery where their personal collection could be displayed.

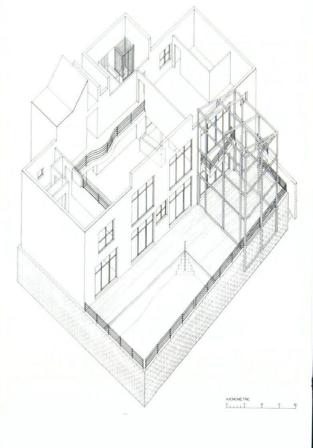
The program addressed three main issues. It had to maintain large areas of uninterrupted wall surface to display art, exhibit panoramic views of the Indian River and, due to the low elevation of the site, raise the main living space above floor level and incorporate an adjacent pool with deck.

The program solution involved raising the house, a simple box, on a solid base of exposed concrete block. Budget limitations dictated a simple structural system with a minimal level of detailing. The base was pulled out on the west elevation to enclose the raised pool. The ground level, additionally provides for garage and storage.

The main living room is essentially a gallery. The compact stair tower allows the east walls of the first and second floors of the living room to remain uninterrupted. The stair tower continues to a roof deck which the owner required, and the deck provides ocean views to the east.

The main elements in this landscape are the house and the base upon which it sits. In this









scenario, the screened enclosure becomes the third dominant element. Interestingly, while the structure of the enclosure defines a solid form, the transparency of the screening material creates a contradiction resulting in a delicate, lacy appearance.

Photos: Opposite page, top aerial and below, east elevation. This page, top, west elevation and below interior gallery/living space.

All photos by Daryl Pickering. Drawings courtesy of the architect.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN





Whimsical Angles Create Learning Ambiance

Riverside Elementary School Miami, Florida

Architect: Bermello, Ajamil & Partners

In the mid-1970s, a building in downtown Miami collapsed. Investigations showed that beach sand had been mixed with the cement used to construct the building. This caused the reinforcing steel rods to rust, undermining the structure's foundation. The building had been constructed in 1914. How many other builders of the time had used the same sand and cement formula? This disquieting question spurred the city's decision to demolish any building constructed around 1914. Thus, in 1976, Riverside Elementary School, a two-story cement building that had long served the community, was demolished. Portables and pre-fab classrooms were put in place.

Since the 1970's, Riverside Elementary has represented an "educational entry point" for many of the Cuban children whose parents immigrated to Miami fleeing communist dictatorship. The school has a student body which is predominantly Hispanic, even though the school serves inner city neighborhoods which are predominantly black. The school is organized on a K-5 configuration, including facilities for kindergarten, art, music, foreign languages and exceptional student education programs.

It took ten years for the Dade County School Board to issue notice to Miami architects to submit proposals for a new school. One of the architects submitting a proposal was Willy Bermello who had attended the first Riverside Elementary. Bermello's firm received the commission and in January, 1989, ground breaking finally took place. In September, 1990, Riverside Elementary was once





Photos: Opposite page, top: North elevation main entrance. Above, mainentrance foyer. Photos by Mark Surloff Photography. Drawing, courtesy of the architect.

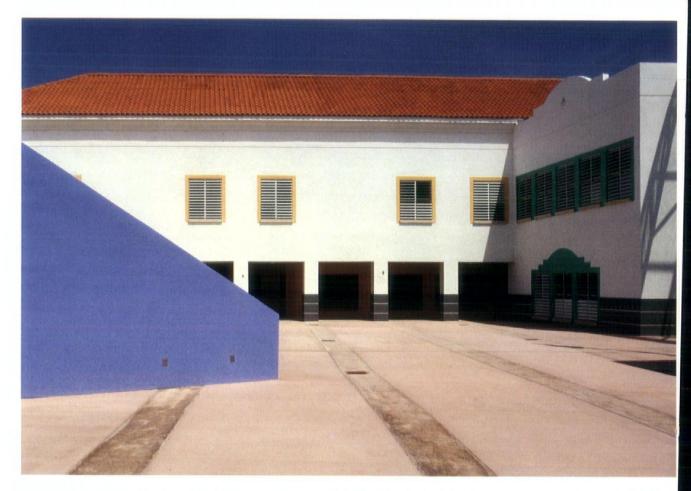
again back in business, serving the children of the community.

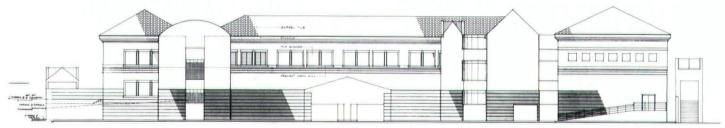
There are many differences, of course, between the old Riverside and the new. Now the children walk through a flamingo-colored entrance with an unconventional triangular roof over the main door. Once inside, students are greeted by a spacious windy courtyard lined with brightly-colored doors which open to large classrooms.

Because Riverside
Elementary is situated on the
eastern edge of Miami's Latin
Quarter District, the architects
intended to reinforce the
school's individuality by developing a Mediterranean character for the building which
responds to community
ambiance and influences.

The site's most unique feature is its topography. The grade elevations vary from 14 to four feet and the design of the school takes advantage of the topography by incorporating a required parking facility and service areas at the low end of the site beneath the two-story educational facility.

The architect wanted Riverside's students to feel good in their new surroundings. In contrast to the vacuum-sealed feeling in many contemporary schools, there are plenty of windows, brightly-colored walls and several whimsical angles. Overall, the school has a strong Spanish Colonial feeling, but there is lots of light and air and when students look up, they see the sky.





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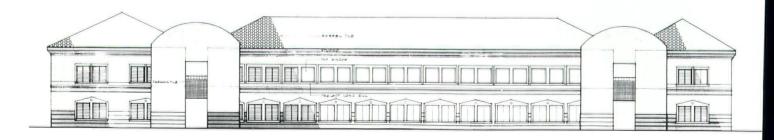


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Moore, P.E.

Contractor: Leonard Jernigan

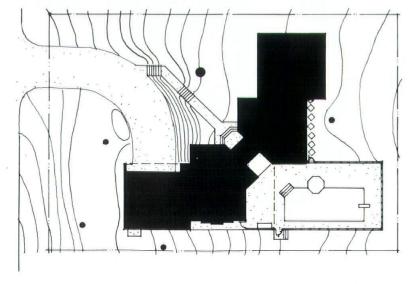
This Northwest Florida residence is sited on a sloping hill beneath a canopy of mature oak trees. In response to the physical site characteristics and the program requirement that the majority of the 3700-squarefoot residence be located on one level, the house was organized in an "L-shaped" plan. Essentially divided into four squares of varying heights, the volume of each section is proportional to the level of activity and intimacy required. These differing scales are expressed in the exterior envelope. The secondary axis is represented by a long vertical roof linking the game room area, the family room and the pool enclosure.

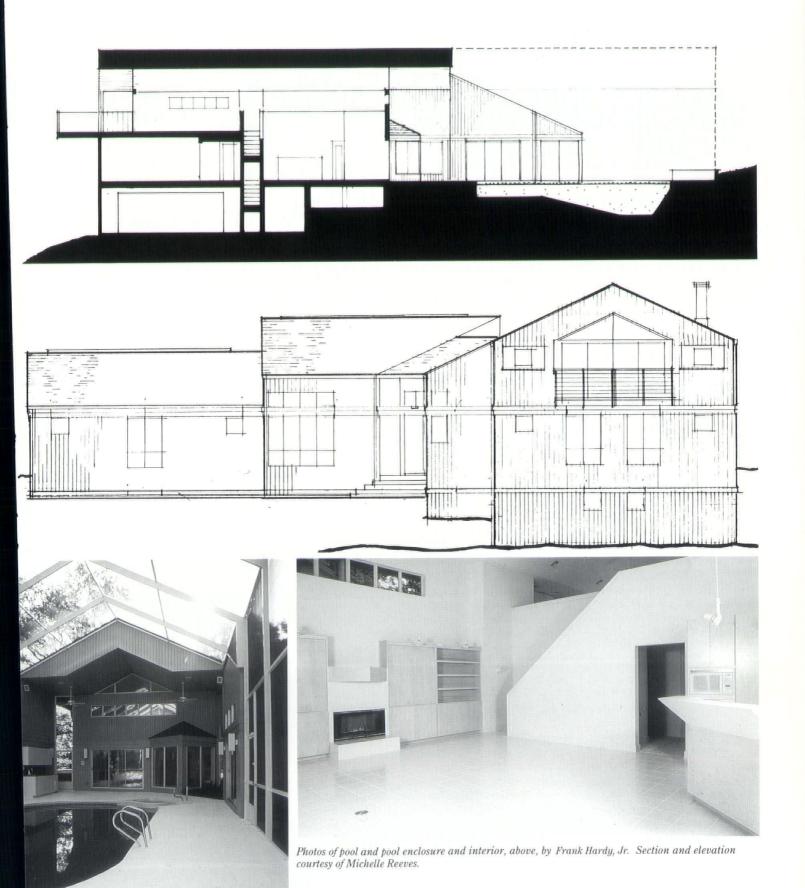
The entry sequence as one climbs up the steps is on axis with the largest oak. At the oak, the walk turns 45 degrees toward the entry. The entry intersects the two legs of the "L" and the secondary axis. Upon opening the entry doors, the viewer is flooded with light, air, space and a view of the four major public spaces - pool, living, family room and game room. As one travels through the house, the vertical dimensions of the spaces vary greatly in order to give each one a distinct character. The farthest point from the entry is the cantilevered balcony off of the game room which commands a view of the bay.





Photos of west elevation and main entrance by Frank Hardy, Jr. Site plan courtesy of Michelle Reeves.





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VIEWPOINT

Working With Architects and Roof Consultants

by C. Trent Manausa, AIA

An economical, long lasting, watertight, minimum maintenance roof system! This is the expectation of every building owner. It should also be the goal of all architects, roof consultants and roofing contractors. Only through a joint effort of understanding and cooperation by the owner, the consultant and the roofer can this ultimate goal be achieved.

The purpose of this article is to show the process, from an architectural and roof consulting firm's point of view, so the working relationship between the contractor and the architect can be understood and used to achieve the end result as described above.

No one roof system is suitable for all conditions. The correct roof system selection must be based upon all known conditions. These conditions might include climate, structure, building style, building location, building use, type of deck, drainage and economics (not usually the least of the considerations). An informed decision is based upon knowledge of these factors. The building configuration, use and/or budget of the owner may prohibit the selection of roof systems that may be most desirable. When all factors are evaluated and considered, a roof system is selected and designed to be specific for a particular project.

Owners must be educated to realize that their roof is an asset. Like all assets it must be monitored and maintained to provide maximum return. If the owner's intention is to reduce first cost, he must be made to realize that ongoing maintenance will be costly and the life of the asset will be reduced. Regardless of the initial cost, a maintenance plan is necessary. For the greatest return on the investment, manage the asset.

Roof system types are either low slope (less then 2:12), or steep slope. Most low slope solutions are waterproof membranes, while steep slope roofs are typically membranes, shingles or metal panels. Roof systems include insulation to provide energy efficiency for the interior heating or air conditioning. Coordination of the selection of membranes, roof coverings, flashings and insulation is very important. Compatibility must be determined to obtain proper longevity of the roofing materials and proper performance of the insulation systems.

Low slope roofing membranes available today cover a complex list of materials, chemicals and coatings. BUR (built-up roofing) is a multi-ply reinforced system with alternate layers of asphalt or coal tar. Modified asphalt membranes are available in two basic types - APP (atatic polypropylene) and SBS (styrene-butadiene styrene). Elastomeric membranes are EPDM (ethylene propylene diene monomer) and CSPE (chlorosulfonated polyethylene). Thermoplastic membranes are PVC (polyvinychloride), CPA (copolymer alloy), CPE (chlorinated polyethylene) and PIB (polyisobutylene). SPUF (spray in place polyurethane foam) is part of a roof system but by itself is only an insulation and must rely on a membrane or coating to provide weather protection and waterproofing.

Steep slope roofing is typically composition shingles, tile, slate or metal panels. Generally, steep slope roofing is not totally waterproof, but relies on watershed and/or backup waterproofing. An example is clay tile roofing which requires a waterproof membrane below the tile.

Roof system selection requires first the elimination of obvious non-viable options. Examples of these include metal panels which are not good solutions on roofs with rooftop equipment or many penetrations. Sheet roofing systems must be considered with climate

conditions; thermal shock, roof traffic and oil or grease discharge. Fungus and algae can be problems where slope is not adequate. Ballasted systems will add considerable weight to a structure. Coal tar membrane systems are limited by slope, environmental concerns and additional worker protection. APP modified systems require surfacing material for longevity and fire rating. Heat welding and open flames can be hazardous. SPUF systems have a very limited time frame for proper application in most of the country. Low relative humidity during application is critical. Coatings are usually not very resistant to damage, either manmade or environmental.

Included in the elimination of possible roof systems should be project budget. For most projects, high cost systems will be eliminated. The project budget may need to be adjusted on projects where aesthetics require consideration of a high cost system.

Once all roof systems have been evaluated and the obvious systems eliminated from consideration, a concentrated effort is made to select the correct system. Remember, many times a project may require more than one system since a building design can have both low slope and steep slope roofing conditions.

It is imperative that the specifier keep up with the rapidly changing technology of roofing. The traditional systems of the past are tried and proven. They are also refined and improved by today's technology. New systems blend the knowledge of traditional systems with new materials and chemicals. It is important to research systems for compatibility with the project's climate, materials and use. A new system which hasn't been used successfully in your area should not be specified. A client should not be used for a test project. We have recently specified systems that combine the best of two different systems, a multi-ply built up system protected with a modified bitumen cap sheet. That system provides the redundancy of multiple piles and the strength and durability of the modified cap sheet. The granular modified cap sheet also allows easy visual maintenance inspections and corrections.

It is the goal of the specifier to provide a compatible roof system, one that can achieve a sole source product warranty to the benefit of the owner. An example of a sole source warranty would be a joint agreement between the roofing manufacturer and the insulation manufacturer or a written statement from the roofing manufacturer warranting the entire system.

The specifier should require a roofing contractor be certified and trained by the manufacturer for the specified roof system. If the only requirement for "certification" is the purchase of the manufacturer's materials, that manufacturer will not be specified by our office for the project. Just as all products are not suitable for given conditions, a roofing contractor is not necessarily competent to install any and/or all roof systems. Demonstrated abilities confirmed by the manufacturer are necessary. All reputable certified contractors should insist that the manufac turer continue the certification process and that no "excep tions" be made just to sell the product. It is a major benefit to the owner, the contractor and the manufacturer.

During the bidding process it is imperative that the architec and the prospective bidder-communicate. No one has ever produced a perfect set of plans errors or misunderstanding can be rectified prior to finabids. Knowledgeable contractors should convey questions concerns and suggestions to the

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architect. No one knows difficult field conditions better than an experienced, knowledgeable contractor. The more communications at this stage of the process, the better chance that the ultimate goal of the finished project will be achieved.

Once the project is bid and a contract is awarded, it is of paramount importance that the roofing contractor make timely submittals so that verification of certification, materials, warranties, schedules and project conditions can be confirmed and approved.

Safety is of utmost importance on a roofing project. A properly set up job site with ladder tie downs, fire extinguishers, protective clothing, safety lines and crew safety education demonstrates a well-organized competent contractor.

During the construction process, it is necessary that installation be monitored and confirmation of covered work and existing conditions be documented. Sometimes roofing contractors are uncomfortable having an inspector "looking over their shoulder"; however, documentation of the entire process is beneficial to both the contractor and the owner. Documented inspections are a very useful tool should problems develop some time in the future. Documentation can easily confirm a cause or eliminate a suspected cause. A good method of documentation is with time and date stamped photos.

The project must be properly manned at all times. A knowledgeable superintendent must be available to coordinate conditions, schedules, materials and crew. Trying to install a system with the wrong size crew is frustrating to the architect and expensive to the contractor. A recent project showed dramatic changes after a crew size was corrected. After several weeks of attempting to remove and install a new roof system, the con-

tractor was only accomplishing about 12 squares per day. Two men were added to the crew. The contractor was then able to install an average of 24 squares per day. This was a 100% increase in production with only a 20% increase in labor. That was an excellent return on the investment and the owner was able to have a watertight building in less time, which resulted in less interior damage. This was an example of all parties

working together to the mutual benefit of each party.

In summation, we believe that each project, with a concentrated team effort by the architect, the contractor and the owner, will achieve an end result that is beneficial to each party. The architect and the contractor will have the satisfaction of proper remuneration for the product that will provide the owner with an economical, long lasting, watertight, low mainte-

nance roofing system.

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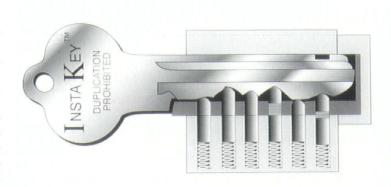
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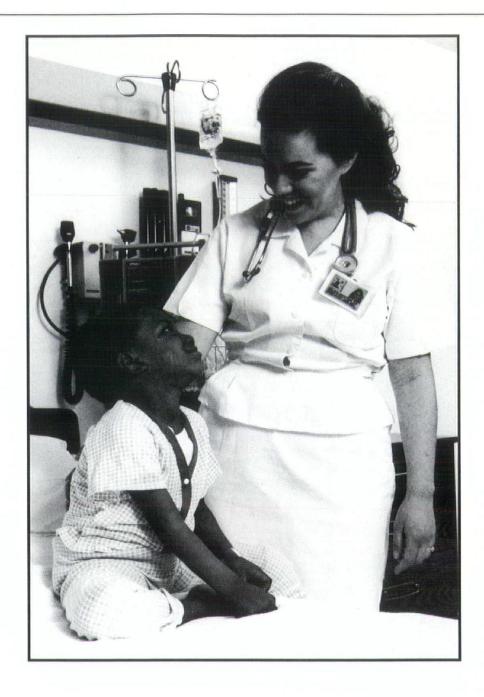
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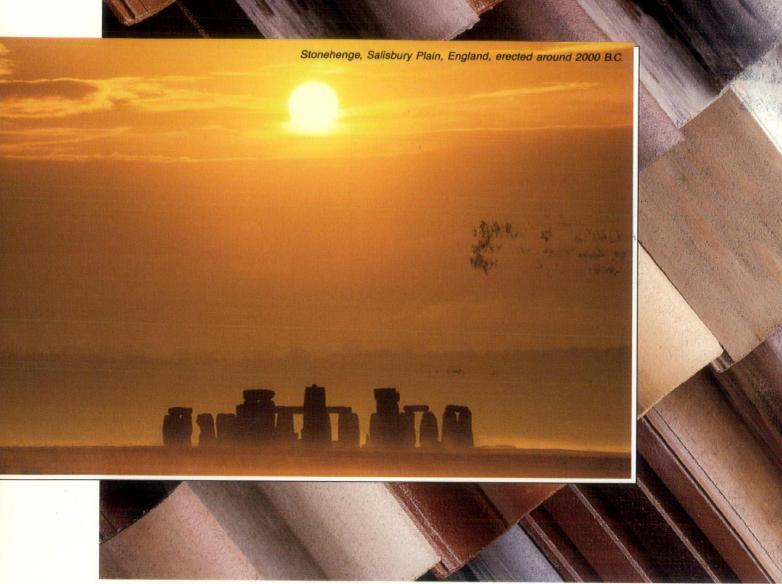
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